Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 30 Mar 2022 until 23:59 on Thursday 31 Mar 2022

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 29 Mar 2022 at 17:50 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a much colder spell than of late, with a return to winter conditions. Low confidence for rain and snow bands and freezing levels on Friday, and details over the weekend, with a chance of milder conditions arriving from the west.

Headline for Wednesday 30 Mar 2022: Much colder with sunny spells and a few heavy snow showers.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 30 Mar 2022

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow	Cloudy	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny	Sunny intervals	Heavy snow showers	Sunny	Clear night
Precipitation probability							
60%	10%	<05%	<05%	20%	30%	10%	<05%

Forecast for Wednesday 30 Mar 2022

Weather: Overnight snow clearing southwards. Then a dry start with sunny spells developing from the north. Patchy cloud bubbling up by the afternoon, with a few scattered snow showers. These occasionally heavy with a slight risk of thunder. Showers dying out to give a dry sunny evening then clear skies overnight.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80%

Low Cloud and visibility: Very good visibility, briefly falling to a few hundred meters or less in passing snow showers. Cloud mostly above the summits, but may briefly lower onto the higher tops of Lochaber in passing showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	20/28 E	23/29 NE	28/36 NE	27/36 NE	26/36 NE	24/34 NE	27/37 NE	26/34 NE	24/30 NE
900	18/26 E	18/25 NE	20/28 NE	20/28 NE	20/29 NE	19/28 NE	20/29 NE	19/26 NE	16/22 NE
600	22/29 E	21/27 NE	23/30 NE	20/28 NE	20/28 NE	20/29 NE	20/29 NE	19/26 NE	16/22 NE
300	10/20 NE	10/17 NE	12/20 NE	14/21 NE	15/24 NE	15/25 NE	13/22 NE	10/17 NE	8/14 N
Glen	10/19 NE	12/22 NE	9/19 NE	10/19 NE	12/21 NE	12/23 NE	10/21 NE	8/18 NE	6/12 N

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-7/-15	-8/-17	-9/-19	-9/-20	-7/-17	-6/-15	-7/-17	-8/-18	-8/-17
900	-4/-11	-5/-12	-6/-14	-5/-14	-3/-11	-2/-10	-4/-11	-5/-13	-6/-13
600	-1/-8	-2/-9	-3/-11	-3/-10	-1/-8	0/-6	-1/-8	-2/-9	-3/-9
300	2/-2	1/-4	-1/-6	0/-5	2/-3	3/-2	2/-3	0/-4	-1/-5
Glen	4/0	3/-2	1/-3	3/-1	5/2	6/2	4/1	2/-2	1/-2
Freezing Level*	300m	200m	00m	00m	100m	200m	200m	100m	00m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

A return to winter on the tops with much colder conditions than of late despite the sunshine. Snow fields likely to be hard and icy.

Forecast for Thursday 31 Mar 2022

Weather: Clear skies through the early hours, then a cold sunny start. Patchy cloud bubbling up from late morning. Largely dry, but a slight chance of a few snow showers. Bitterly cold in the wind. Dry with clear spells through the evening.

Maximum wind: North 15 gusting 25 mph

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 90%

Low Cloud and visibility: Visibility very good with little low cloud expected, perhaps a few patches on the higher summits of Lochaber in the morning.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 2 Celsius rising to plus 5 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 4 Celsius rising to minus 1 Celsius
Freezing level: Down to the glens, rising to 300-400m during the day

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